GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR LABELLING PACKAGED FOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for labelling of the packaged food products indicating nutritional value thereon;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Under the provisions of Rule 32.A of the Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) Rules, 1955, any food claimed to be enriched with nutrients such as minerals, proteins or vitamins shall give quantities of such added nutrients on the label. However, an amendment to rule 32 of the PFA Rules, 1955, relating to labelling of the prepackaged food has been notified vide G.S.R. No. 664 (E) dated 19.9.2008, which shall come into force w.e.f. 19.3.2009.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.